

REMARKS

By this Amendment claims 13-29 have been replaced by new claims 30-40 which alternatively define the invention.

In the outstanding Office Action the examiner rejected claims 13-22 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Berger, and he has rejected claims 25-27 and 29 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kuroiwa et al. in view of Berger, and he has rejected claim 28 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kuroiwa et al. in view of Berger and Hafner.

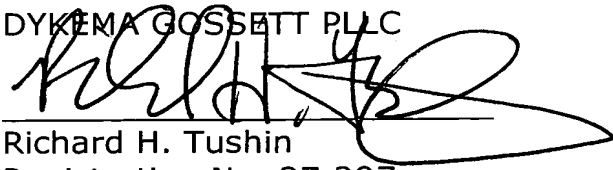
The applicants assert that these rejections cannot apply to new claims 30-40. In this regard, the elastic diaphragm 33 in Berger cannot move sufficiently to create a compensating volume as defined in applicants' claims 30 and 36, and nothing in Kuroiwa et al. or Hafner would overcome this deficiency.

An allowance of claims 30-40 is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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